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RUTH SEABURY SCHEDULE

Northern California churches and ministers are looking forward to the forthcoming visit of Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, who will spend a total of nearly three weeks in our territory. She will head the team of speakers visiting all the Association meetings, the dates of which appear in another column of THE PACIFIC. In addition, she will speak at several rallies of young people, and to young people's groups at local churches. Her schedule for these meetings is as follows:

Sunday, April 14: Evening, First Congregational Church, Oakland, for East Bay young people.

Wednesday, April 17: Evening Stockton, with young people from neighboring churches attending.

Friday, April 19: Evening, Porterville.

Saturday, April 20: Breakfast, Tulare.

Sunday, April 21: Fresno, young people of First and Japanese churches at First Congregational Church.

Friday, April 26: Evening, Sacramento, with young people of neighboring churches attending.

Sunday, April 28: Evening, Sebastopol, young people of Redwood Empire attending.

Friday, May 10: Evening, San Jose, Young Adults.

Sunday, May 12: Evening, San Mateo, West Bay young people.

In addition to these appointments, Miss Seabury will speak to groups or at services in the following churches:

Sunday, April 14: Morning, Berkeley North.

Monday, April 15: Evening, Rio Vista.

Wednesday, April 17: Afternoon, Stockton.

Sunday, April 21: Morning, Fresno Pilgrim.

Monday, April 22: Afternoon and evening, Santa Cruz.

Friday, April 26: Afternoon, Sacramento.

Sunday, April 28: Morning, Cloverdale.

Monday April 29: Afternoon and evening, Santa Rosa.

Wednesday, May 1: Afternoon and evening, Palo Alto.

Thursday, May 2: Afternoon, Oakland First and Oakland Plymouth, women's leagues.

Sunday, May 12: Morning, Hayward.

Monday, May 13: Afternoon and evening, Campbell.

Miss Seabury, who is a graduate of Smith College, is Educational Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. She has several times been abroad, often visiting interior villages as well as cities more conveniently located. She was one of the Congregational delegates to the International Missionary Conference in Madras, India, in December of 1938. She is the author of books, and has been a member of the National Preaching Mission. She is one of the most interesting and dynamic speakers representing our fellowship.

Miss Ruth Seabury

In addition to Miss Ruth Seabury, Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, Field Secretary Sherman, and Superintendent Gill will visit each and every Association and will appear on the program.

Representatives of the Committee on Religious Education will address the Associations on various projects which have been undertaken. Field Secretary Sherman will represent the Committee at Grass Valley and Fowler, Mrs. Anna B. Kientz at Lodi, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett at Soquel, Mrs. Bayard Buckham at Petaluma, and Rev. R. C. M. Fiske at the Bay Association, Alameda.

THE CHURCH

The Church is the mother of all humanity.

In the dawn of civilization she cradled humankind and became the benefactor of the weak.

At the horns of her altar the oppressed found sanctuary.

When Caesars sought to make slaves of human flesh she taught men, in bonds, how to sing.

Under her protection womanhood has been freed from social slavery and given freedom.

Through her beneficence hospitals have been erected and schools founded.

This mother of humanity knows no race.

Expansive with affection she seeks to bring all men, of every race, into the common fold.

All this one finds in the Church; but there is something still greater. For, at her altar, she offers to a hungry humanity, "The Christ."

The Master is here and calleth for
The altar is ready.

GRAY TO VISIT

Rev. Henry David Gray, young people's work secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions, whose coming was announced in the March issue of THE PACIFIC, will be in Northern California from April 27 to May 3. He will preach in Plymouth Church, Oakland, Sunday morning, April 28, and will speak at Plymouth House, Berkeley, to University of California students the same evening.

On Tuesday he will make arrangements at Mills College for the Pilgrim Fellowship Council, to be held coincident with the General Council in Berkeley, and will speak at the Bay Association. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday he will visit the campuses and confer with the pastors at the Agricultural School at Davis, College of the Pacific at Stockton, San Jose State College, Stanford University, and San Francisco State College. He will meet with the Committees on Young People's Work and on Religion in Higher Education.

LAYMEN PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Laymen's Fellowship Commission, held in Berkeley on March 30, it was voted that the Commission sponsor five weekend retreats during the coming autumn. The tentative places and dates are as follows. It is suggested that both ministers and lay people make the necessary memoranda.

October 12-13—Lokoya.
October 26-27—Marysville.
November 2- 3—Saratoga.
November 9-10—Byron Hot Springs.
November 16-17—Tulare.

Each retreat will open at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, continue through the evening, and closing with dinner Sunday noon.

The Laymen's Commission expects to provide hosts at International House, which will be the headquarters of the National Laymen's Fellowship during the meeting of the General Council at Berkeley, August 13 to 20, and expects to send a letter of invitation and greeting to all laymen who are elected as delegates throughout the nation.

BOSTON, MASS., March 27 2:09 P. M.
Rev. Harley H. Gill
1164 Phelan Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.
Very sorry to inform you Leonard Wilbur died Easter from typhus. Our deep sympathy goes to churches and individuals with whom he had a close relationship during his furlough year.

Mary D. Uline, Secretary,
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

This tragic telegram is the only dependable information yet received. Judge and Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur received from Mrs. Leonard Wilbur a cablegram giving exactly the information conveyed by the American Board.

The death of this brilliant and devoted young Christian surgeon comes as a tragedy not only to the members of the family, but our whole church family in northern California. In a special way we have regarded Jean and Leonard as our very own. It was in our First Church, San Francisco, that they were commissioned. It is in this locality that so many members of their families live. They have been the missionary project of the San Francisco First Church and of the Federation of Congregational Women. During their recent furlough, they visited in many churches and participated in young people's summer camps, so that when they returned to China some months ago, they carried with them even greater affection than on their first sailing.

All through the ages the cost of extending the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been heavy. Time, energy, health, and life itself have been given. The history of the Church is shot through with it. In our day we too are called upon even to sacrifice those who have grown dear to us. May there be a rich harvest from the seed they have sown, and may "to us the grace be given to follow in their train."

THE COUNCIL

With the visit of Secretary Frederick L. Fagley, enthusiasm for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council was rapidly engendered. Speaking to a group of pastors and of committees, he brought word of the extraordinary strong program that is being set up. He reported that clear across the country Congregational superintendents, ministers, and lay people are showing great interest in the Berkeley meeting.

Seven large committees, under the leadership of Rev. V. V. Loper, are hard at work arranging details of hospitality, housing, and physical arrangements. Ushering, musical programs, three communion services, publicity, the day of recreation, must all be provided for. Visiting clergymen will be placed in churches of this entire region. Laymen not only from our own Conference, but in large numbers from Southern California and from the country as a whole, will have their own headquarters.

Northern California churches will share with First Church in the expense of the Council, and at the same time provide a mileage pool to make it possible for pastors to come and bring their own lay people, according to a plan worked out by a committee of the Board of Directors, which is being mailed to the churches early in April.

There will be no great burden on anyone, and as a result of the contributions asked, several hundred northern California Congregationalists will have the privilege of the one and only General Council meeting to be enjoyed during their lifetime. It is not too early to put the dates down on calendars and to arrange vacation plans so that attendance at the General Council may be included—August 13 to 20, and the State Conference is just one day in advance, beginning the afternoon of August 12.

LORBEER EN ROUTE

Not satisfied with the splendid record in February, Lloyd L. Lorbeer of India has offered another day of service as he is en route to a series of appointments in the state of Washington. He will speak at Oroville on Sunday morning, April 14, and at Paradise the same evening. Rev. Benjamin Gould and Rev. W. H. L. Marshall are making plans for these meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16 — Sacramento Valley Association, Grass Valley.
April 18—Central Association, Lodi.
April 19—San Joaquin Ass'n., Fowler.
April 23—Santa Clara Ass'n., Soquel.
April 24—Redwood Empire Association, Petaluma.
April 25—Upper Bay Ass'n., Antioch.
April 30—Bay Association, Alameda.
May 10—Pacific School of Religion Commencement.
August 12-13 — State Conference, Berkeley.
August 13-20—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Berkeley.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

June 3-9—Modoc and Trinity County.
June 15-22—Central.
June 16-22—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 16-22—San Joaquin.
July 27-Aug. 3—Zephyr Point.
August 4-10—Lokoya.
August 25-31—Loma Mar. No. 2.

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"AT HOME"

The day after Easter there went to his reward a noble servant of the Lord who had served His Church more than 40 years—Rev. R. R. Shoemaker, who was ordained during his first pastorate at Fall River, Mass., in 1898. He later served churches at Versailles, Ohio; Douglas, Wyoming; Port Arthur, Texas, and at Eaton and Montrose, Colorado. In 1922 he was called to the superintendency of the Southwest Area, which position he held for 15 years. Coming to California in 1937, he was pastor of our Woodside Church for something over a year, and for a few months supplied the Ocean View Church in San Francisco. Recently, with Mrs. Shoemaker, he made his home in Redwood City, where he had been elected a deacon in the First Congregational Church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles E. Ward on Thursday, March 28.

Mr. Shoemaker was a wide reader and a lover of poetry, and himself a writer of verse. One of his poems appearing in the "Missionary Herald" some time ago follows:

THE FIRE BURNS LOW

The fire burns low—no longer leaps
The ardent flame in luring gleams—
Yet can I rake some embers from the hearth
To light my pipe of dreams.

For though Desire, once vaulting, lags,
And the once bounding pulses murmur low,
Yet do I know the precious gift of life
Is sweeter than the dreams of long ago.

Still will I build my castles in the smoke—
Still will I cherish visions of the night—
Knowing the best I dream and hope
Will be transfigured in the coming light.

Rev. B. C. H. Washburn, whose death was announced in the March issue, was born at Marengo, Ill., July 6, 1853. She graduated from Chautauqua Circle in 1890 and took a home course in theology. She was ordained at Pleasant Valley, Washington, in 1905, where she served for two years.

During most of her active life she was a national lecturer and organizer for the W.C.T.U. She assisted her husband, the Rev. F. M. Washburn, who held numerous pastorates in Northern California, including Rohnerville, Lincoln, Soquel, Lodi, Suisun, and Salida, where Mrs. Washburn succeeded him as pastor in 1919.

By a previous marriage she was the mother of two daughters, both deceased. Her own demise occurred in Burr Oak, Kansas, February 25, 1940.

Julia Sarah Johnson Charnock, beloved wife of Rev. G. A. Charnock, passed away on March 23. As pastor's wife, Mrs. Charnock was known and loved for her beautiful Christian spirit in every community where her husband served.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, her pastor, Mr. C. E. Jamison, Mr. Alexander Carmichael, Prof. John W. Buckham, Rev. George F. Wortley, and Rev. P. Pierson Parker participated in the memorial service on March 27.

HERE IT IS

What a splendid response there was from church treasurers in sending in the end of the month and end of the quarter remittances during March. No less than 53 churches were heard from. There was a reduction of $420 in receipts from individuals in spite of the fact that more people were heard from. We have never had so many of our friends, who are accustomed to give larger amounts, suffering from illness or away from home and unable to respond. It is this shortage in individual gifts that accounts almost entirely for the drop in the total figures for the first three months of 1940 as compared with 1939. Perhaps some of these friends will still be able to help us when they have returned to health or home.

	March 1940	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 1940	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 1939
Adin	$ 7.50	$ 7.50	$ 10.50
Alameda	236.56	236.56	183.15
Alturas	....	....	....
Angels Camp	33.75	33.75	35.75
Antioch	15.00	15.00	15.00
Auburn	....	....	60.00
Berkeley, First	484.99	1,542.65	1,547.49
North	69.90	112.30	140.25
Park	11.60	11.60	18.57
Campbell	50.00	50.00	56.00
Cloverdale	13.89	16.93	29.87
Cotati	5.00	7.50	1.50
Crockett	7.52	7.52	6.42
Eureka	96.22	172.78	136.72
Ferndale	63.05	63.05	43.99
Fresno, First	274.88	274.88	155.30
Pilgrim	....	70.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	....	....	10.00
Hayfork	....	10.00	....
Hayward	....	....	50.00
Kenwood	5.30	5.30	....
Lodi, First	403.00	403.00	255.50
Loomis	14.55	18.55	12.98
Martinez	26.13	64.77	59.79
Murphys	62.50	62.50	60.00
Oakland, First	1,249.98	1,249.98	1,388.18
Fruitvale	20.00	20.00	10.00
Pilgrim	8.58	11.58	11.00
Plymouth	139.07	232.96	273.83
Oroville	6.17	6.17	13.65
Pacific Grove	46.95	63.35	68.78
Palo Alto	210.00	503.00	646.63
Paradise	....	50.00	78.40
Penngrove	3.14	5.64	4.48
Petaluma	232.54	232.54	149.06
Pittsburg	24.01	57.22	57.50
Porterville	80.00	80.00	67.50
Redwood City	....	....	162.20
Rio Vista	37.50	37.50	....
Ripon	25.97	52.50	53.35
Sacramento	134.72	178.91	172.07
Salida	2.00	2.00	....
San Carlos	13.88	45.32	40.62
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	84.25	84.25	74.26
Calvary	....	....	20.00
First	253.98	316.28	337.37
Ocean View	20.00	20.00	3.70
San Jose	80.00	185.00	170.00
San Leandro	29.80	37.81	13.35
San Lorenzo	....	....	10.00
San Mateo	143.40	143.40	131.31
Santa Cruz	160.00	210.00	236.10
Santa Rosa	42.67	77.47	62.80
Saratoga	100.62	100.62	121.40
Sebastopol	22.71	47.52	50.44
Sonoma	10.00	25.00	28.85
Soquel	32.65	32.65	25.00
Stockton	119.37	156.44	137.48
Suisun	41.33	41.33	....
Sunnyvale	3.56	3.56	....
Sunol	....	....	20.00
Tulare	109.00	109.00	85.00
Weaverville	....	18.00	44.04
Woodside	20.00	20.00	....
Reno, Nevada	48.80	96.47	88.75
Miscellaneous and Individual	1,094.50	1,094.50	1,528.50
	$6,532.49	$8,834.11	$9,374.38

DR. PEEL CALLS

Northern California Congregationalism was honored with a brief visit during the weekend of April 7 and 8 by Rev. Albert Peel, editor of the *Congregational Quarterly* of London, and moderator of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He was the guest preacher at the Congregational Methodist Temple, San Francisco, both morning and evening on Sunday, and at the Hayward church on Monday. He is an old-time friend of Prof. John Wright Buckham at Pacific School of Religion, and of Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward. He was the lecturer at the General Council of Congregational Churches at Beloit in the summer of 1938.

"The Bad News"

Here is the bad news. After five straight years of closing our books without a deficit, we found at the end of the sixth year too great a handicap to overcome. Month after month, through the autumn and winter, we were carrying a deficit about one thousand dollars greater than during the corresponding months a year before. It was hoped that this shortage might be overcome, but that was not to be. In spite of splendid response by the churches during March, as shown in another column, and in spite of a larger number of individual gifts, the fiscal year closed at noon on April 2 with a dficit of $1,385.17—and this even though there was a saving in the budget of about $880. The receipts from the churches were just about what they were last year. Gifts from individuals dropped in amount, due to the fact that some of our most liberal contributors were either ill or away from home, but the chief source of the difficulty was that the income on investments was $1200 less than the amount expected. This is due to the constant process of reduction of interest rates, and is a condition that must be faced in the years to come.

"THE OPEN DOOR"

Hundreds of pastors have expressed a desire for a small attractive booklet containing appropriate quotations which could be given to people suffering bereavement. The Seminar on Personal Devotional Life of the Commission on Evangelism assigned this task to Superintendent Gill, who had kept a scrapbook for many years and had read many volumes of anthologies. Many valuable suggestions were made by other members of the Seminar and a special editorial committee.

The result is a 24-page booklet, entitled "The Open Door," with attractive white covers. Selections from the Scriptures, from the poets, philosophers, and novelists, and others, are included. The booklet sells for 10 cents a copy, a price which enables pastors to order them in quantities. Space on the inside cover is provided for a personal message to be written by the pastor. Copies may be ordered from the Pacific Book Service.

CHINA RELIEF

Rev. James H. Price, well known in Northern California, who is representative in the southwest area for the Church Committee for China Relief, will be in the Bay District during April. His purpose will be to see if all churches will attempt to secure the support of four Chinese refugees at the estimated expense of $12 each. Money for this cause may be forwarded through the Conference office, and requests for needed supplies will be answered by Mr. Price if they are addressed to the Conference office. Twenty-three churches of our Conference have thus far responded since summer a year ago.

CAMPBELL. The best Easter during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Bennett is reported. The church has new seating, which is proving to be a benefit, and has all been paid for. All organizations of the church are interested and anxious to help. Five senior members and 12 junior members were received into the church, and nine children and young people were dedicated in baptism. Another class will unite at Whitsuntide.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Two identical services were held on Easter morning, with more than 400 at the first, and the church crowded at the second—this in spite of inclement weather. A class of new members is to be received on April 7 when Superintendent Gill is to occupy the pulpit. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. During the Easter season the church welcomed 77 new members, bringing the total to 122 during the first six months of the pastorate of Rev. Vere V. Loper. This is in addition to 14 associate members, students who are not relinquishing their home affiliations. On Easter Sunday 2,776 people attended the services. Prof. John C. Bennett is giving a course on Sunday morning on "Contemporary Religious Thinkers," including such persons as Henry Nelson Wieman, Reinhold Niebuhr, Jacques Maritain, and John Macmurray.

LOOMIS. The young people's choir, mostly of high school age, with the help of a few adults, gave the cantata, "Our Living Lord," on Easter night. Thirty-three voices were in the choir, and the total attendance was about 108. Before a large congregation in the morning, five adults were received by letter and 11 young people on confession of faith. It was the best Easter during the pastorate of Rev. E. P. Shier. The church is holding an increasing place of influence in the community.

ANTIOCH. Rev. W. R. Steininger has been back in his pulpit during all of March, following his illness. On Easter Sunday, people were turned away from the church for lack of room. A young people's choir gave a beautiful program on Friday night of Holy Week. The Thursday evening communion service was a high point in the worship of the church. A former worker with Jane Addams, who has recently come into the membership of the church, is now sponsor of the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship.

RIO VISTA. Every available space was filled with worshippers on Easter, whose appreciations were deepened by an inspiring musical service and floral decorations. Six members were received into the church, five of them on confession of faith, at the candlelight communion service the previous Thursday. Rev. Victor H. Morgan, the pastor, has completed plans for a parish dinner on April 15 at which time Miss Ruth Seabury will be the speaker.

PITTSBURG. The beauty of the church auditorium has been greatly enhanced by two large metal electric candles, a gift of one of the members. They were dedicated at a special service during Holy Week. Young Adults of the Discussion Class have purchased new doors for the church. A very spirited Sunday School contest has been held, with the goal of 200 exceeded by 10 on Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, reported a capacity congregation on Easter.

MURPHYS. The annual Fellowship Supper was held on Good Friday evening, followed by a communion service, at which a lovely new communion set was used. Five children were dedicated in baptism on Easter morning, and in the evening a fine congregation came out despite the pouring rain. The ladies from Murphys joined with those of Angels Camp, Stockton, and Lodi, at a joint missionary meeting held in Angels Camp. Rev. John G. Dickey is the pastor.

EUREKA. On Palm Sunday evening, the choir presented "The Seven Words of the Cross," by Dubois, and on Easter night they sang Rossini's "Stabat Mater." A number of new members were received during the Lenten season. The morning worship services are broadcast. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. A large congregation was present Easter Sunday to hear Mr. Schik. Two children were baptized, four young people were received into membership by baptism and confession, and three members came by letter. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

STOCKTON. A forward movement of great significance was formally launched on Monday evening, March 25. At a special meeting, with 100 persons representing every department of the church, the building committee presented its report. The plans involve the changing of the present social hall into an attractive and worshipful sanctuary with a chancel, the erection of a tower in keeping with the New England type of architecture, an addition on the west side of the building which with the space now occupied by two or three small rooms will provide a new social hall, a pipe organ, which will be a memorial to Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Henry Sink, and, finally, the landscaping of the large area fronting the church, making it attractive and at the same time providing adequate automobile parking.

The church voted to launch a financial campaign to raise $15,000 which, with something over $5,000 on hand and help from the Congregational Church Building Society, will cover the cost. It is hoped that full payment of pledges will be completed within six months, and the building can be used for the 75th anniversary in the autumn.

This project will give the Stockton church almost as complete a plant as was originally intended and a much larger expenditure was contemplated. Indeed, the new arrangement will have many distinct advantages over that of having a separate building as a sanctuary.

Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, has worked unceasingly, toward the accomplishing of this goal, during his entire pastorate. The church attendance during the past winter has been on a much higher level than in previous years.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Forty-six new members were received into membership on Palm Sunday. On three nights of Holy Week Rev. Jason Noble Pierce read memoriter extended passages from the Bible, without sermon or comment. On another evening the "Seven Last Words of Christ" was presented by the choir assisted by a symphony orchestra. On Good Friday the three-hour service was held, with seven periods, each one devoted to the "Last Words." According to the pastors, Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. J. N. Pierce, this year's Easter was the high point in the ministry of both men.

SEBASTOPOL. Five great services were held on Easter Day. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, spoke at the sunrise service on Fir-Crest. In the evening the young people gave a musical Easter allegory under the direction of Mrs. Atkinson. All three rooms of the church were used to accommodate the Sunday morning congregation. Seven united with the church on confession of faith, ranging in age from 10 to 45. A complete new installation of electric connections was made necessary for the gas furnace on account of high water.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Easter was a great day for this church and its pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, with an attendance of 343 and an offering of $145. Two new features of the program are a Wednesday night Bible Class, study topic for April being "The Life of Our Lord"; and a social night called "The Family Gathering" which is scheduled for the last Friday evening of each month.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. An annual luncheon, which served as a celebration at the close of the fiscal year, was held on Sunday, March 13. Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Dr. Susan Sargent, and Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler were guests. Dr. B. C. Wong serves as pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Since the coming of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken, the work of this church has expanded so rapidly that the bungalow church building has become utterly inadequate. The trustees and special committees have canvassed the possibilities of securing additional property, have studied the needs of the community and the resources available. After long and careful research, a lot 50 x 100 feet, immediately behind the present property, has been purchased, which will give a total area of something like 14,000 square feet. It is expected that the present structure will be moved to the back of the lot and used as a social hall, an addition with Sunday School rooms will be erected, and a chapel with a worshipful interior and churchly external appearance will be built. Preliminary tracings are being made and plans laid for a community-wide solicitation. San Carlos bids fair to be one of our more important churches when this project is completed.

Two Easter services were held: one at 8:30 and one at 11, both with capacity congregations.

RIPON. On Wednesday of Holy Week, "The Day of Silence," a service of silence was held, centering about a series of stereopticon pictures of the life of Jesus. Worshippers were asked to leave their homes in silence and return in silence. Communion was celebrated on Holy Thursday. At 5:15 on Easter morning, a waiting congregation saw the play, "The Terrible Meek." It proved to be one of the finest sunrise programs ever presented in Ripon. Seventeen new members were received at the Easter morning service. There was a candle-light communion for the young people in the evening, led by Rev. Robert Bentley, the pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. Lenten services have been well attended, and on Easter Sunday the Weaverville church was crowded to overflowing—the largest congregation since the coming of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Salmon. The High School Choir of 25 voices provided special music. A church school has been started at Douglas City, with an initial membership of 10. Regular services, interrupted during recent months by inclement weather and resultant bad roads, have been resumed at Hayfork, and a good attendance was reported at the Easter programs.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The novelty of real Chinese food together with a delightful program drew a good crowd to the dinner for China Relief. The "Know Your Child" conferences have been a great success. There are two lectures remaining, to be given in April. An organization of "Men Only" has been formed and will undertake to outdo the Women's Auxiliary. Four babies were christened at the Easter morning service. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. Holy Week services were held each noon. The Rotary Club sponsored the one on Monday; the Business and Professional Women's Club on Tuesday, Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, and the Lions' Club on Thursday. At the Thursday evening communion service, the choir sang the St. Cecilia Mass by Gounod. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Seven new members, all young people, were received into fellowship on Easter. Others are expected to join soon. The quota of a ten per cent increase for the year has already been exceeded. A financial canvass has been carried out which gives promise of covering normal church expenditures. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. On Friday evening, February 16, the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, was surprised by an informal gathering of the congregation in the social hall of the church in celebration of his 75th birthday. More than 250 people enjoyed a program which included music, refreshments, and the cutting of a birthday cake. The pastor was presented with a writing desk. On Palm Sunday morning 18 children were baptized. On Thursday evening of Holy Week the Lord's Supper was celebrated, at which time 20 new members were added to the church, 8 of whom came by confession of faith. Easter Sunday brought in its usual (rather unusual) crowd of worshippers, with 193 in church school, 616 at the morning worship, and 78 at the C. E. hour. The pastor preached his fifty-first Easter sermon. On Wednesday evening following Easter, a memorial service was held in the chapel for the comfort of 17 families who since the previous Easter had been visited by death.

PORTERVILLE. With the paying off of the last few dollars of the bank loan, the entire cost of more than $25,000 for the re-building of the church after the fire in 1936 has been cared for with the exception of $2,700, which is payable in annual installments of $300 each, and which the Women's Association has underwritten. The burning of the bank note was celebrated at a Victory Sunday Service. During the seven Sundays of Lent, attendance averaged 270 per Sunday, not including nearly 250 at a special Girl Reserve Service. Capacity congregations attended two identical Easter morning services. Twenty-two members were received at a candle-light communion service on Holy Thursday, making a total of 265 members during the past four and a half years. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Thirty-one were received into membership at the Holy Thursday communion candlelight service. 430 communicants were present. Nearly 1000 people were crowded into the church on Easter Sunday, and 15 children were baptized by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, three of them from other places belonging to parents who had been married by the pastor. The choir loft has been enlarged and now accommodates 35 singers. New vestments have been provided for the junior choir, garnet in color, with white collars and black bows.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Sidney Buckham delivered a series of six sermons leading up to Easter on "The New Orthodoxy," including such themes as "The Triumph of Goodness," "The Sacredness of Personality," "The Brotherhood of Man," "The Fatherhood of God," "The Sovereignty of Christ," and "The Immortality of the Soul." The series of midweek Lenten dinners were well attended, when the following speakers were heard: Lloyd L. Lorbeer, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Rev. Augustine Jones, Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, and Rev. Herman F. Swartz.

SOQUEL. More than 100 worshippers gathered on Easter Sunday in the little church which was most beautifully adorned with flowers. Two young women united with the church, and a granddaughter of a beloved member was christened. Christian Endeavor young people served as choir. The sermon subject of Rev Jessie Getty Heath was "Wonder, Gratiude, Courage."

SUISUN. Superintendent Gill preached the Easter sermon. Rev. H. E. Buckner of the Fairfield Methodist Church serves as pastor of the Suisun church, but on Easter Sunday it is desired to have both services at eleven. There was a splendid attendance.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Attendance on Easter Sunday was 992, and the offering was well on toward $600. Seventeen children were consecrated in Christian baptism. On Palm Sunday, 16 new members were received. On Good Friday evening, the oratorio, "The Mount of Olives," by Beethoven, was given by the Lawson Chorus, and at Holy Week communion service on Thursday, the Plymouth choir sang "God So Loved the World." A spring session of the School of Christian Living opens on April 3 with the following courses: "Children Need Parents," "Drama and Social Change," "A Health Survey of Alameda County," "Practical Problems in Democracy." Miss Mary Coxhead is the director. For three Sunday evenings in April, Plymouth Church has announced a Town Meeting, with the pastor, Rev. Robert Inglis, serving as chairman.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The tenth anniversary of the formation of the Grace United Church of the Mission was celebrated the last Sunday of March and the first week of April. Superintendent Harley H. Gill and Rev. H. H. Frost of Stockton, formerly superintendent of the San Francisco District of the Methodist Church, were preachers on Anniversary Sunday. They had worked in close cooperation when the federation was brought into being. Early difficulties were ironed out and the two churches are now a united church. Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton is beloved by both groups. The annual meeting of the united church was held on Wednesday, April 3, with reports from all departments. On Palm Sunday, 19 were received into membership.

REDWOOD CITY. At the candle-light communion on Holy Thursday, the setting of the Lord's Supper as practiced among early Christians of Roman times, was reproduced. At the Easter morning service, the church was crowded; there were 17 baptisms, and 18 new members. The Fellowship of Youth cared for the music and the decorations. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, was chairman of arrangements for the Sunrise Service on the hilltop above Redwood City, which, in spite of bad weather, drew nearly 1000 more worshippers than ever before.

ANGELS CAMP. Four special services were held during Holy Week, and the Easter service brought out the largest congregation since the coming of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Dickey. Two young people were baptized, and three united with the church. Two new whiteoak chairs, the gift of a friend, and a new velour curtain have added much to the beauty of the chancel. The Calaveras Woman's Club presented a scarlet hawthorn tree for the front lawn of the church, and it was dedicated on March 10, Arbor Day.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be no meeting of the Federation in April. The usual "Spring Meeting" is being omitted in the interests of the Association Meetings, held each year at this time. The Association Presidents find it difficult to get their women out both to the general gathering and also to their own Association meeting. As the latter is the one where the special problems of each group can be most fully discussed, and also the one which can be reached by the greater number of women in each group, it was thought advisable this year to omit the larger meeting and also the usual Executive Board meeting.

One problem raised by this procedure is that of the collection. Money for the Federation work, aside from the Conference allocation, comes wholly from the collections at the Spring, Fall and Annual meetings. Either at the Association meetings, or in some other way which the Association Presidents may devise, we must endeavor to make provision for the loss of income due to the omission of one of the meetings. The dates of the separate Association meetings were given in the March "Pacific."

MARCH MEETING ECHOES

As the March meeting was the first to be held in the new working year, many of the Secretaries had no reports. Mrs. R. W. Kretsinger, our new Social Welfare Secretary, said that her quotas for the various churches were made out and as soon as the blanks to accompany them were received from the printer, they would be sent to the churches.

Classes for children at Easter time in preparation for uniting with the church are held in almost every denomination. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, of the Religious Education Committee of the Conference, told of a plan to carry this a step farther back and have a class for parents, as well, which should be addressed by different clergymen and should give answers to questions sure to be raised at home by children thinking of church membership. Mrs. Bennett also spoke of Model Institutes for Family Relations or Teacher Training which the Religious Education Committee is hoping to put on in any church that should request it, as an aid in developing religion in the home.

Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, Literature Secretary, brought interesting reviews of a number of books; among them being "Free Artist" by Catherine Bowen—the lives of Anton and Nicholas Rubenstein, told against a background of Continental Europe in the 19th century, and specifically, Russia under the Tsars; "Solitaire" by Edwin Corle, a sympathetic and discerning study of a little girl, seen not simply as a young adult, but as a being with motivations, problems and viewpoints distinctly her own—Parents and Religious Educators, take notice! Most important of all, perhaps, in view of our mission study for the fall, is Lin Yutang's first novel, "Moment in Peking." The title needs recollection of the Psalmist's statement that a thousand years with the Lord is as one day, since the book deals with three generations of a Chinese family. With its social and historical background, this will be the best possible preparation for our later study of China.

Out of the depressing gloom which surrounds most reports of the Migrants, Mrs. Barnes brought us a cheering picture of some efforts being made to better their condition. The Government has established 12 farm labor camps in California, some of them with clean three-roomed cottages and happy people. (Incidentally, there are about 300,000 Migrants in California.) A cooperative association for medical care has been carrying on for a year under Government supervision. In response to the expressed desire of many of those in the camps for church services, the Council of Women for Home Missions, which has for years maintained missionary nurses in the field, has now put in two men for full-time ministerial work. NOTE: An interesting article giving an interview with one of these, Rev. Addison Moore, was published in the Oakland *"Tribune"* for March 24.

The problems of Migrants and Refugees were presented by Mrs. J. G. Barnes, Social Action Secretary, and our President, Mrs. R. A. Fuller. Many confuse the two groups, thinking them the same under different names, but, as Mrs. Fuller pointed out, the Migrants and Sharecroppers (who are often migrant forerunners) are our own; the Refugees are foreigners from one or another of the dispossessed areas of Europe and are peculiarly the problem of this present day, for the world at large as well as for ourselves. Many are listed as artists, doctors, educators, and the like. They come to us under the quota, are assets if we give them opportunity, and their need is less for food than for friendship. There are, right in our own Bay area, from three to four thousand Refugees, mainly from Poland and Germany, with more expected from Finland. The International Institute, with offices at 1860 Washington Street, San Francisco, is endeavoring to meet some of the most pressing needs. Visitors to the offices are welcome.

Perhaps the high-light in a very interesting day was the talk by Miss Esther Hibbard, teacher of English Literature in Doshisha University, Japan. It is something for critics of missions to note that Miss Hibbard is returning only at the request of the Japanese themselves. Regarding the importance of Christianity in Japan today, Miss Hibbard had several trenchant things to say:

1. The power of Christianity in Japan is much greater than the numbers of Christians would seem to indicate. There is a sincere friendship and goodwill expressed toward our missionaries, and a movement to increase the strength of Christianity has been initiated by the Japanese themselves.
2. The Christian Church in Japan has in no sense supported the Government in its militaristic operations in China.
3. The Liberals in Japan are waiting their chance. If and when the Military have been disgraced through their failure to accomplish their ends, then the Liberals will take over. If they have nothing vitalizing to suggest, the result will be anarchy. The answer, says Miss Hibbard, is the Christian ethical system. It is the work of the Christian today to help Japan fulfill her highest destiny.

SARATOGA. Drawings for a new wing to house Sunday school activities are being made. There is much enthusiasm in the church for the project, and substantial gifts have already been promised. Rev. Fred R. Morrow held services each night during Holy Week.

SAN RAFAEL. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Nelson, the pastor and his wife, are rejoicing in the arrival of a small son. The church reports itself better off financially than in many years, with all obligations cleared.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ALAMEDA. Two services were held Easter morning, identical except for music, with an attendance of 920, the largest ever reported. At the first service, members of the Knights Templar and other Masonic bodies were guests of honor. At the second service, children were presented for baptism. Nineteen new members were received the last Sunday of March.

SALIDA. On Palm Sunday, 70 people were present and three children were baptized. On Easter the church was crowded, and two infants and three young people were dedicated in baptism. Six new members were received. The Sunday school program was especially good and on Sunday evening a fine musical service drew a large audience. The church building is being painted. Rev. Virgil Carlson is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. While Rev. Harvey V. Miller was enjoying a brief vacation, Professor George T. Tolson preached on "The Making of a Minister," describing the work done at Pacific School of Religion. Fifty-one people were in attendance at the Easter sunrise service, and the church was filled at the regular 11 o'clock hour.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Adult and junior choirs joined on Easter morning to provide a beautiful musical setting for the church service, for which a fine congregation had gathered. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. Since March first the pulpit has been supplied by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. A careful study has been made of the local situation and plans are under way for the calling of a new pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the special Easter afternoon communion service, 13 new members were received and 14 children were baptized. Following Easter, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach had a brief vacation at Carmel.

SONOMA. One of the largest crowds in recent years was present to hear the Easter message in song, a cantata given by the ladies' choir, assisted by a guest baritone soloist and violinist. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

HAYWARD. Two rooms of the parsonage have been remodelled and a new roof has been put on. At a recent dinner sponsored by the men's club 132 were present: Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

WOODSIDE. Thirteen new members were recieved during Holy Week, nine of them on confession of faith or on reconfession. The church received a legacy recently. Rev. Burton M. Palmer hopes that ways can be found whereby additional room can be secured. The church building is inadequate either for services of worship or Sunday school.

BERKELEY, PARK. The junior choir has new vestments, and assisted the senior choir in the candlelight communion service on Holy Thursday evening, and also on Easter morning. Three adults were received into church membership and one infant baptized. Rev. Tom Watt is pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Possibility of holding two sessions of church school is under consideration, in order to accommodate all of the classes; 110 young people attended the short Easter service. Mr. Dan Wilson, the director, recently gave a radio address over KRE on "Pacifism and the Cross."

SUNNYVALE. Since the coming of the Rev. J. K. Ballou as pastor, two adults have been received on confession of faith and five by letter.

PACIFIC GROVE. Word comes that Rev Elwood B. Hunter has been ill all of March and unable to be in his pulpit.

Selections made by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Give us glad and grateful hearts as we partake of Thy bounty, Heavenly Father; and grant Thy blessing to us all. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY DEVOTION

O God, our Father, when it is hard for us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind because Thou doth seem afar off, then show us how near and dear Thou art to every one of us at all times. And when our neighbor seems unlovable because both he and we are human, and we love not as we should,—then reveal us to each others as objects of Thy grace and recipients of Thy divine favor; and may the love of Christ within us make us obedient to nobler impulses, that we see with His eyes and feel with His heart and love our neighbor as we should, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

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